

CITY COUNCIL

7:00 P.M.

August 21, 2017

Present: Scott M. Johnson
Carlene Perfetto
Dustin Goutermont
Richard DeRosier
Shane Hoff

Tim Costley, City Attorney
Jamey Malcomb, Lake County News Chronicle

Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda – Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve the agenda as presented.
MOTION CARRIED.

Consent Agenda – Motion by Perfetto, second Hoff to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2017 regular Council meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Petitions, Requests and Communications

Horn Boulevard Project Update – The Council reviewed the Horn Boulevard street reconstruction project. There was discussion about areas where the new storm drains run at the same level as the water, sewer and gas lines, and how the City engineer, County engineer and contractor have worked to resolve this problem.

City Administrator

Land Use Application – The Council reviewed an application to use soil fill from the Horn Blvd. project at the Marina storage area, and it was noted that Northshore Mining, the owner of this property, has approved this, and that the Zoning Administrator has reviewed and accepted this application. Motion by Goutermont, second Perfetto to approve a land use application from the City to place soil fill at the Marina storage area.
MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution 2017-35 – The Council reviewed a grant for \$2,500 from the MN DNR Forestry Division, to be used to purchase structural turn out gear for the Fire Dept. it was noted that according to policy, Fire Department issues must be discussed at a meeting before being acted upon at the next meeting. This issue was tabled.

Northspan Group Proposal – The EDA recommends approval of this proposal to provide assistance with economic development in the City. This proposal would include business retention and expansion by developing the business park and working with existing businesses to see how the City could help them meet their business needs. It was noted that Northspan would be paid on a per-project basis. Hoff and DeRosier reviewed the discussion from the EDA meeting. Motion by DeRosier, second Goutermont to approve a

proposal from Northspan Group for business and community development professional services. MOTION CARRIED.

Retirement – The Council reviewed a retirement notice from Jerry LaVigne, effective September 5, and thanked LaVigne for his 29 years of employment with the City. Motion by Perfetto, second Hoff to accept the retirement of Jerry LaVigne from the Public Utilities Dept, effective September 5, 2017. MOTION CARRIED. It was noted that, per the Union agreement, advertising for qualified candidate for this position must be posted internally for 10 days, and then advertised to the general public. Motion by Perfetto, second DeRosier to approve for the City Administration to move forward with advertising for qualified candidates for water/wastewater plant operator. MOTION CARRIED.

City Attorney – No other business was presented by the attorney.

OLD BUSINESS – No old business was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

EDA Application – The EDA recommends approval of the application from Steven Jones to serve on this board. Motion by Goutermont, second DeRosier to appoint Steven Jones to the Economic Development Authority. MOTION CARRIED.

There was a closed session from 7:08 p.m. until 7:16 p.m. to discuss a labor negotiation.

Claims – Motion by Hoff, second Perfetto to approve payment of \$90,999.23 paid claims and \$39,821.13 in unpaid claims. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Perfetto, second Goutermont to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Minutes taken by Lance K Beachem



Scott M Johnson, Mayor



Lana Fralich, City Administrator